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Summer Update

Looking back at Fiscal Year 2018, we have made a lot of advancements in the content the Historical Resources Center provides, the materials we collect, and the services we offer. From acquiring new digitization equipment to new interview products like the Burnout Collection, the HRC has done some exciting things to document MD Anderson's past, present, and future.

In this newsletter, we'll provide highlights on what we have been working on, showcase some locations around the institution to visit and highlight some interesting moments from MD Anderson's history.



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HRC and Heritage Services Updates

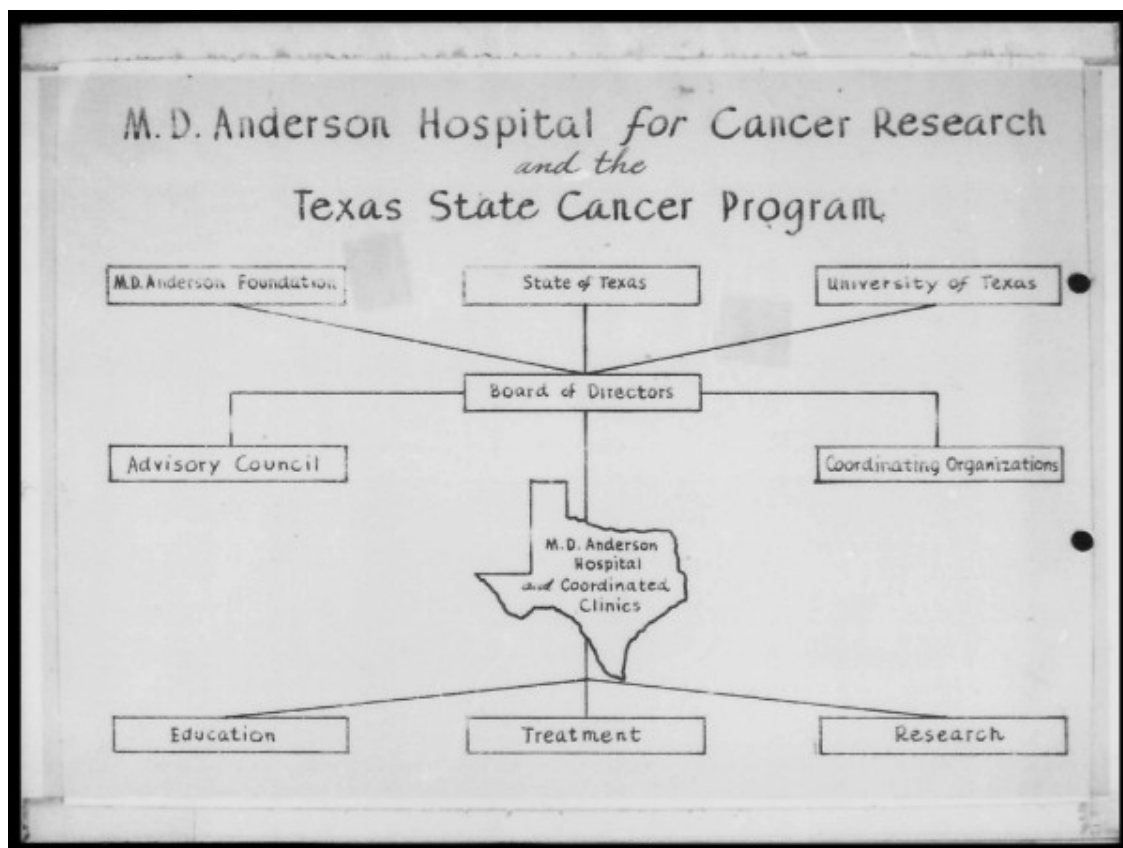
From Javier

1. Research Data Management Project

I have recently completed a course offered by the National Library of Medicine on how libraries and archives can offer Research Data Management (RDM) services to the institution. RDM is any data collected in the course of a research study or patient treatment. Preserving it is fundamental to our mission of eliminating cancer, and the archives' mission of preserving the legacy of the institution. Hopefully, we will be offering a suite of services including education and guidance on how to best preserve our research history.

2. Digitization projects

For the past year, I have procured more digitization equipment for the archives. These will increase our ability to digitize our historical collections including manuscripts, newspapers, images, and videos. Hopefully, we will be able to add more items to our online archive to be viewed by patrons all over the world. While scanning the records from our first president, R. Lee Clark, MD, I discovered one of earliest versions of MD Anderson's organization chart.

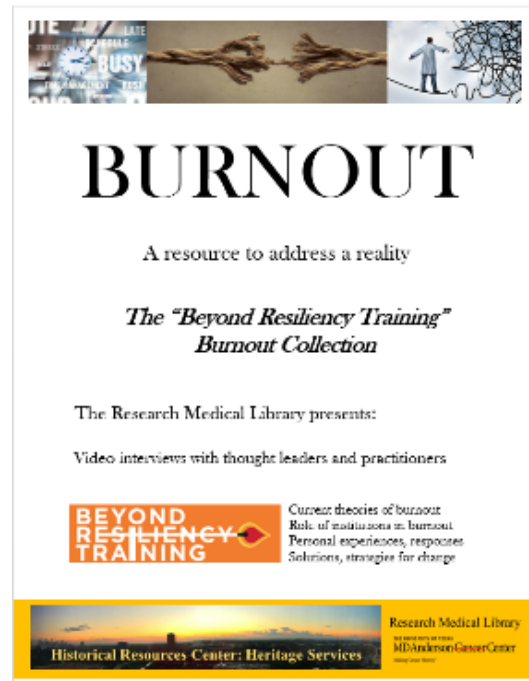


From Tacey

1. I gave a lecture for UTMB's series, the Samuel G. Dunn Lectureship in the Medical Humanities. The organizer wanted me to talk specifically about the Heritage Services and how we at the HRC use a "heritage management" approach to serve the institution. The talk was entitled, "Leadership, Burnout, and Other Dilemmas: One Case of How a Humanities Perspective Can Serve Institutions." It attracted a broad audience. There was lively discussion with several requests for further information.

2. The "Beyond Resiliency Training" Burnout Collection continues to attract attention. I was invited to share information about the collection at a Town Hall and Resource Fair for basic science fellows held by Research Trainee Programs. Visit the collection [here](#).

Please note that it is on the internet and publicly accessible. Please share this resource.



3. Based on the burnout project, I was asked to participate in the CREWS (Career, Resiliency, Engagement, Wellness, Sustainability) task force group that is addressing education about burnout in the institution.



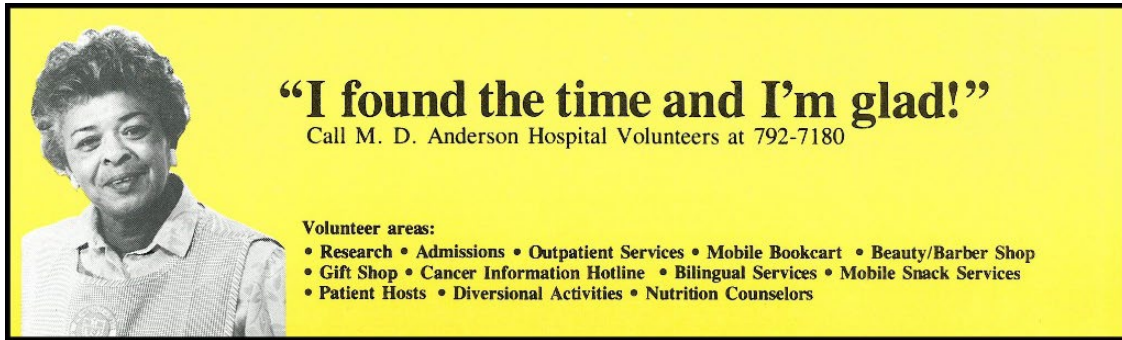
A salute to our volunteers!

From the earliest days of MD Anderson, volunteers have contributed countless hours to instruction. Their services range from working giftshops, greeting patients and visitors, and assisting departments with light clerical duties. For almost a decade, volunteers have also assisted the HRC make some of our collections available by helping inventory collections, digitize documents, and help publish oral history interviews.

Our current volunteer, Chiyeko Tsuchitani works with our historical image collection. So far she has scanned over 500 images that we plan make

available on our digital archive soon.

Below: Volunteer Services Bookmark, 1985

A yellow bookmark with a black border. On the left is a black and white portrait of an elderly woman with short, curly hair, wearing a light-colored vest over a collared shirt. To the right of the portrait, the text reads:

“I found the time and I’m glad!”
Call M. D. Anderson Hospital Volunteers at 792-7180

Volunteer areas:

- Research • Admissions • Outpatient Services • Mobile Bookcart • Beauty/Barber Shop
- Gift Shop • Cancer Information Hotline • Bilingual Services • Mobile Snack Services
- Patient Hosts • Diversional Activities • Nutrition Counselors



Oral History Collection Updates

Now available:



Ralph Arlinghaus, PhD ([link](#))
Department of Translational Molecular Pathology

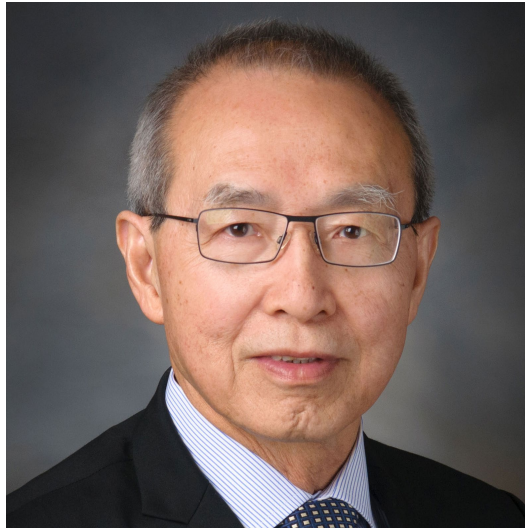


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Behavioral Science [and Psychiatry]



Mien Chie Hung, PhD ([link](#))

Department of Molecular and Cellular Oncology



Alfred YK Yung, MD ([link](#))

Department of Neuro-Oncology

Interviews completed:

- Joyce Alt, Head of the Division of Nursing from 1978 – 1996
- JoAnne Hale, administrative assistant to R. Lee Clark, Charles LeMaistre, and John Mendelsohn

Interviews in process:

- Michael S. Ewer, MD, PhD, JD, active in emergency medicine and ethics
- Sat Siri Sumler, Massage Therapist in Integrative Medicine
- Carol Porter, PhD, Head of the Division of Nursing
- Marshall Hicks, MD, Head of Diagnostic Imaging and former Interim President

Scheduled:

- Eduardo Bruera, MD, Palliative Care

Dr. Bruera will be interview subject number 95. We are quickly coming up on the 100th interview subject since the project was restarted in 2011 and the HRC has been discussing how to mark this landmark.



Around MD
Anderson



This year in MD
History

If you're looking for a few places

to visit at MD Anderson, check out these important locations and landmarks.



The Faces of Philanthropy Exhibit located near the Park highlights the impact that donations both large and small have played in the growth of the institution. Check out some of the contributions we made to the exhibit including inspiring quotes from the Making Cancer History Voices Oral History Collection and Medical Graphics and Photography Archives.

Above is an image of the exhibit Tacey took for her lecture at the University of Texas Medical Branch Medical Humanities Department



The Tom Jean Moore Rose Garden is near the Main Building and the Freeman-Dunn Chapel. It's named after a volunteer who dedicated over ten years to planting roses in the institution.

40 years ago...

Science Park was dedicated

Science Park dedicated

"This complex will be a trail-blazer, indeed, in the fight against cancer," said Dr. Arthur C. Upton in his keynote address to more than 500 people gathered June 8 for the dedication of the Research Division of The University of Texas Science Park near Smithville.

Director of the National Cancer Institute and a leading authority on damage that can be caused by radiation, Dr. Upton was a fitting choice to dedicate the \$4.1 million research complex.

The Science Park, a component of the UT Cancer Center, is designed to identify cancer-causing environmental agents so that preventive measures can be taken to reduce the level of cancer. Its development has been guided for the last 15 years by Dr. R. Lee Clark, president of the Cancer Center.

Already 45 persons are employed at the Research Division, including a staff of nine scientists. Current plans call for the staff to expand to about 100 persons within two years.

Each of the Research Division's two new 17,138 square-foot



Dr. Charles A. LeMaistre (left), Dr. Arthur C. Upton (center) and Dr. R. Lee Clark (right) talked with reporters at the dedication.

laboratory buildings contains eight double laboratories and support facilities, such as darkrooms and an electron microscopy area. The labs are designed for use as a research center, designed especially for research with cancer-causing materials.

At present, the staff is collaborat-

ing with researchers from Texas A&M on a project. Several other universities are planning research projects which require the Park's specialized facilities, according to Dr. Ronald M. Humphrey, associate director of the Research Division.

The conference center adjacent to

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30 years ago...

Dr. James Cox became Vice President of Patient Affairs.

Dr. Cox appointed vice president

Dr. James D. Cox, a radiotherapist known for his skill as a physician and his concern for patients, has been named vice president for Patient Care, effective Aug. 1. He also will serve as M. D. Anderson's physician-in-chief.

Dr. Cox has been a professor of radiotherapy and chairman of the Department of Radiation Oncology at Columbia University and the Presbyterian Hospital in New York since 1965. Prior to that, he held similar positions at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

Dr. Cox is exactly the type of patient-oriented physician we were looking for to fill this important position," said Dr. Charles A. LeMaistre, president of M. D. Anderson.

As vice president for Patient Care, Dr. Cox will be responsible for the management of M. D. Anderson's 514-bed hospital and numerous outpatient clinics.

"It will be his responsibility to ensure that our patients receive the highest-quality cancer care in a setting that is both efficient and compassionate," Dr. LeMaistre said.

M. D. Anderson's patient care staff includes more than 240 full-time physicians, 715 nurses and about 2,400 other allied health professionals and support personnel. Last year, a total of more than 140,000 days of care were recorded at the hospital, as well as 341,000 outpatient visits.

Dr. Cox is the third physician to serve as vice president for Patient Care since the position was created in 1980. He succeeds Dr. Fred G. Conrad, who held the position from 1980-1982, and Dr. Joseph T. Alnoworth, who has held the position since 1985. Dr. Cox, however, will be the first person to hold positions as both vice president for patient care and physician-in-chief.

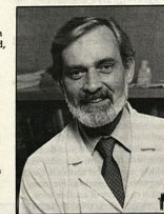
A native of Ohio, Dr. Cox earned his undergraduate degree from Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, and received his medical degree from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry.

He served both a fellowship and a residency at the Penrose Cancer Hospital in Colorado Springs—an experience he says fostered a life-long affinity for institutions dedicated strictly to the care of cancer patients.

"Although I've worked at university medical hospitals the past 15 years, I've always been oriented toward dedicated cancer hospitals," he said. "Of these dedicated cancer hospitals, I believe M. D. Anderson is the best in the world."

Dr. Cox said he is familiar with M. D. Anderson both through faculty members and through several visits to the institution.

M. D. Anderson has always been a place well-recognized for patient care," he said.



Dr. James Cox

Dr. Cox said continuing this excellence in patient care will be one of his priorities in his new position, as well as expanding the institution's clinical research program.

Dr. Cox's personal area of research interest is a method of radiotherapy known as fractionation, in which patients receive two light doses of radiation per day, rather than one heavy dose. In some cases, this method produces fewer side effects while killing more cancer cells.

A firm believer in the multi-disciplinary approach to cancer care, Dr. Cox said he also hopes to help

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20 years ago...

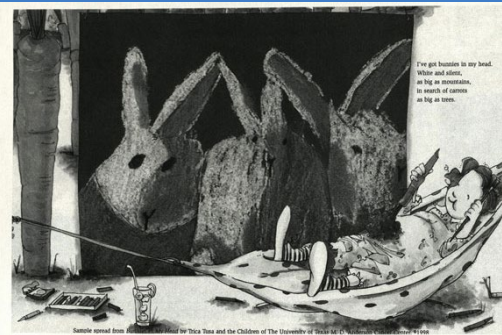
Children's Art Project published the *Bunnies In My Head* picture book

Listen to Charles A. LeMaistre, MD, share his thoughts on Ms. Moore [Click here.](#)



Currently outside Dan L. Duncan Building, the Wave of Life Statue by Wheeler Williams was acquired by the institution when MD Anderson purchased the Prudential Life Building in 1974. The portrayal of a man, woman, and child was meant to represent a healthy mind and a healthy body.

Learn more about the sculpture [here.](#)



Bunnies In My Head hopping your way

Excitement is brewing for a colorful new children's book about the Children's Art Project at M. D. Anderson. *Bunnies In My Head* celebrates 25 years of volunteer commitment from employees, corporations and individuals to the Children's Art Project. Set for publication in September, *Bunnies In My Head* promises to delight children of all ages, highlighting a quarter-century of whimsical artwork created by young M. D. Anderson patients for the Children's Art Project. The book features more than 20 pieces of published and unpublished art designed by patients since the project started in 1973. It is the first book offered by the Children's Art Project. In keeping with the project's history, the book is being created and distributed by dedicated volunteers. Tricia Tusa, a nationally acclaimed children's author, ties the children's art together with a delightful story and illustrations about an endearing little girl with a big imagination. Along with her cat, Millie, the girl pounces through the pages of *Bunnies In My Head* while revealing to the reader what runs through her head as she tours 25 years of Children's Art Project art. To wrap up the story with grace and charm, former First Lady Barbara Bush offers a special afterword that draws on the days when her small daughter battled leukemia.

10 Years ago...

MD Anderson launched its first Facebook page



All a'Twitter About Social Media

Wednesday, July 16, 2008

By Megan Maisel



John Little, program manager for Physician Relations, demonstrates how he records and edits video to be posted on YouTube for referring physicians.



Happy Birthday, R. Lee Clark, MD!

Our first full-time director was born July 2, 1906 in Hereford, Texas. He moved to Houston in 1946 to assume what would be a 32-year tenure as MD Anderson's Director and President.

To listen to speech he gave about MD Anderson's history and mission, click

[here](#).

Click [here](#) to listen to a brief welcome video from Dr. Clark.

A Welcome from R. Lee Clark, MD



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